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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of May 30, 2002, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on August 30, 2002, and for which a Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith, setting the period to expire September 30, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2 and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows (a marked-up copy of the amended claims is attached at the end of this Response):